

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wireless user note service apparatus, comprising:
 - a short range wireless transceiver; and
 - a processor operatively coupled to the short-range wireless transceiver and

5 configured to provide an autonomous local wireless user note server that wirelessly receives, locally stores and wirelessly transmits user notes to and from users of the short-range wireless transceiver.

10 2. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the autonomous local wireless user note server is operative to wirelessly receive, locally store and wirelessly transmit user notes without storing geographical location data in association with the user notes.

15 3. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the autonomous local wireless user note server is configured to wireless receive, locally store and wirelessly transmit user notes without communicating the user notes to a central wireless user note repository that stores notes associated with multiple locations.

20 4. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the short-range wireless transceiver comprises an ad hoc radio networking transceiver.

25 5. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the short-range wireless transceiver is configured to wirelessly communicate according to a Bluetooth protocol.

6. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the short-range wireless transceiver comprises a wireless access point for a local area network.

30 7. An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the autonomous wireless user note server is further operative to selectively transmit locally stored user notes based on at least one of a recipient identity and a user note content.

8. A wireless user note service apparatus, comprising:
an ad hoc networking radio transceiver; and

a processor operatively coupled to the ad hoc radio networking transceiver and configured to provide a user note server that receives, stores and transmits user notes.

9. An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the user note server is
5 operative to receive, locally store and transmit user notes without storing geographical location data in association with the user notes.

10. An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein the user note server is
configured to receive, locally store and transmit user notes without communicating
10 the user notes to a central wireless user note repository that stores notes associated
with other user note servers.

11. An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein the ad hoc radio
networking transceiver comprises a Bluetooth transceiver.

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12. A wireless terminal, comprising:
a short range wireless transceiver; and
a processor operatively coupled to the short-range wireless transceiver and
configured to provide a wireless user note service client that is operative to send and
20 receive user notes to and from an autonomous wireless user note server.

13. A terminal according to Claim 12, wherein the wireless user note client
is operative to retrieve and transmit wireless user notes without requiring association
of geographical location data with the user notes.

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14. A terminal according to Claim 12, wherein the wireless user note client
is operative retrieve and create user notes without communicating the user notes to or
from a central wireless user note repository that manages notes associated with
multiple locations.

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15. A terminal according to Claim 12, wherein the short-range wireless
transceiver comprises an ad hoc radio networking transceiver.

16. A method of providing a wireless user note service, the method comprising:

wirelessly communicating user notes among users using an autonomous local wireless note server.

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17. A method according to Claim 16, wherein wirelessly communicating user notes among users using an autonomous local wireless note server comprises:

wirelessly receiving a user note from a first user at a short-range wireless transceiver;

10 locally storing the received user note; and

wirelessly transmitting the locally stored user note to a second user via the short-range wireless transceiver.

15 18. A method according to Claim 17, wherein the user note is communicated between the first and second users by the autonomous wireless note server without storing geographical location data in association with the user note.

19. A method according to Claim 17, wherein the user note is communicated between the first and second users without requiring communication of 20 the user note to a central wireless user note repository that manages user notes for multiple locations.

20. A method according to Claim 17, wherein the short-range wireless transceiver comprises an ad hoc radio networking transceiver.

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21. A method according to Claim 17, wherein the wireless receiving and the wireless transmitting occur according to a Bluetooth protocol.

22. A method according to Claim 17, wherein the short-range wireless transceiver comprises a wireless access point for a local area network.

23. A method according to Claim 16, wherein wirelessly communicating user notes among users using an autonomous local wireless note server comprises

selectively transmitting user notes based on at least one of a user identity and a user note content.

24. A method according to Claim 16, wherein wirelessly communicating user notes among users using an autonomous wireless note server comprises transmitting and receiving user notes at a wireless terminal.

25. A method of providing a user note service, the method comprising: receiving a user note from a first user at an ad hoc radio networking transceiver; storing the received user note; and transmitting the locally stored user note to a second user via the ad hoc radio networking transceiver.

15 26. A method according to Claim 25, wherein the user note is communicated between the first and second users without storing geographical location data in association with the user note.

20 27. A method according to Claim 25, wherein the user note is communicated between the first and second users without requiring communication of the user note to a central wireless user note repository that manages notes for multiple radio transceivers.

25 28. A computer program product for providing a wireless user note service, the computer program product comprising program code embodied in a computer-readable medium, the program code comprising:

30 program code configured to provide an autonomous local wireless user note server that locally stores user notes wirelessly received by a short-range wireless transceiver and that causes wireless transmission of the user notes from the short-range wireless transceiver.

29. A computer program product according to Claim 28, wherein the program code is configured to communicate a user note between the first and second

users by the autonomous local wireless note server without storing geographical location data in association with the user note.

30. A computer program product according to Claim 28, wherein the 5 program code is configured to cause communication of a user note between first and second users of the short range wireless transceiver without requiring communication of the user note to a central wireless user note repository that manages user notes for multiple locations.

10 31. A computer program product for providing a wireless user note application for a wireless terminal, the computer program product comprising program code embodied in a computer-readable medium, the program code comprising:

15 program code configured to provide a wireless user note client that retrieves and transmits user notes from and to an autonomous local wireless note server.

32. A computer program product according to Claim 31, wherein the program code is configured to retrieve and transmit user notes without requiring association of geographical location data with the user notes.

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33. A computer program product according to Claim 31, wherein the program code configured to retrieve and transmit user notes without requiring communication of the user notes to a central wireless user note repository that manages user notes for multiple locations.